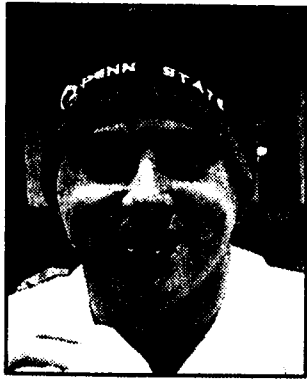


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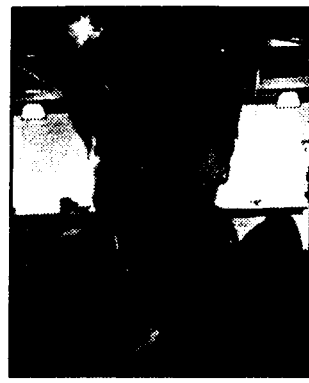
by Dana Vaccaro, features editor

What are your thoughts on the Super Bowl Halftime Show?



"I have absolutely no interest in it, although it would have been worth watching."

Jesse Scott
CEMBD, 06



"I thought it was different. I didn't get offended; it was interesting."

Allen Lu
EN BD, 02



"I was like, oh my God ... NO! Justin was hot."

Ilona Joseph
ACNTG, 02



"I think it was definitely a preconceived idea. They're both responsible for the action."

Tom Zmijewski
CEMBD, 02



"I was speechless. I was outraged and lost total respect for Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake."

Katie Miller
BBH, 04

Have a suggestion for Question of the Week? Email your question to us at: behrcoll2@aol.com.

Flu vaccines available in limited supply

by C.J. Iannini
staff writer

The hard-to-find influenza vaccine is now available at Penn State Behrend's Health and Wellness Center in the Carriage House. Students can walk in or set up an appointment for the shot. The cost is \$10, which can be paid in cash or put on the student's account.

According to Patty Pasky McMahon, director of the Health and Wellness Center, Behrend received 50 doses despite the nationwide shortage. Behrend began to offer the vaccine Monday and will continue to offer them until supplies run out. The Health and Wellness Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health decided

to order more vaccines. Penn State was included as one of the recipients.

Influenza kills 36,000 Americans each year, mostly among the elderly. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), symptoms of the flu include a high fever, headache, drowsiness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches.

"If you do get the flu and have already had the shot, the symptoms won't be as severe," said McMahon.

The flu shot takes two weeks for the immunization to kick in. The body's ability to take to the vaccine depends on the age and health status of the person and the similarity between the virus strain and the vaccine in circulation. The flu shot lasts for one year.

Angela Szesciorka contributed to this report

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Mall or Best Buy certificates. An open bar will provide more of a mature atmosphere for those of age.

"People here at Behrend always say there is nothing to do. Well, here's a great opportunity to get out and have some fun," said Boazzo. With the dance, all students can participate, not just the athletes and the Greeks.

The Ohio Hall Council was able to hold the first homecoming funded by the Student Activity Fee and various outside donations. Whatever money is left afterward will go toward a homecoming fund for next year. They will create a homecoming committee to plan next year's plans. Anyone interested in learning more or helping can contact the Ohio Hall Council.

LION CASH

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replaced by an online flexible spending account.

It will work like the current Diners Club account," said Geering. "Students will be able to add points online and use the account for all applications of the current Lion Cash Account, laundries, vending, copiers and in all on-campus food service operations."

Not only will it be faster to add money to your card, but there will also be additional benefits. For instance, if students lose their cards, they no longer lose all the money stored on their card. The money is stored online. Another perk is that students no longer need their cards to add money to them. Instead they just need a computer and no longer have to make those dreaded trips out in the cold to a machine, that most likely will not work.

All University locations will switch to the new online flexible spending account system, Geering also confirmed. When asked about the costs of this new system Geering said, "While the initial start up will be costly, the cost of the new hardware is much less expensive than the current hardware. There will also be a cost associated with networking all of the vending, laundry and copy machines."

Until the Lion Cash machines are fixed, students will have to go to the Id+ Office.

To help out students with the inconvenience, the Id+ Office will be open for the weekend until the machines are fixed. The office will be open from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

"We hope that this will allow students to plan accordingly and give them plenty of opportunity to purchase Lion Cash," Geering said.

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was more concerned with the safety of the building. "This shouldn't have happened," said Cutter. "I think this incident is a sign that they need to take a look at the way they run things."

Cutter was extremely concerned with the amount of water that accumulated before the break was discovered. Because the break was part of the sprinkler system, Cutter questioned the safety of the fire alarm system in Science.

Maintenance is currently waiting to install a new fire alarm system.

ONLINE CONTRACTING

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submitting their contract offer back to Housing.

"It's a new process, and people aren't used to it yet," said Geering. "And it just takes a little time to get used to. Nine times out of ten, a student just didn't follow through with one small step of the process, and that's what happened."

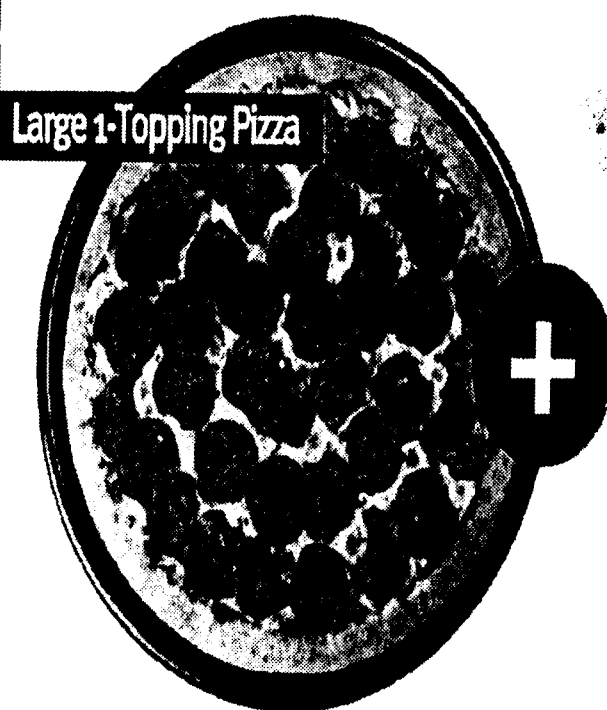
"I'm not going to say the word guarantee, but the people who get on the waiting list right now will have a fairly good chance of getting housing in the fall," Geering said.

Students who requested a contract but either failed to submit one back to Housing and Food Services or were not offered one, can request to be placed on the waiting list.

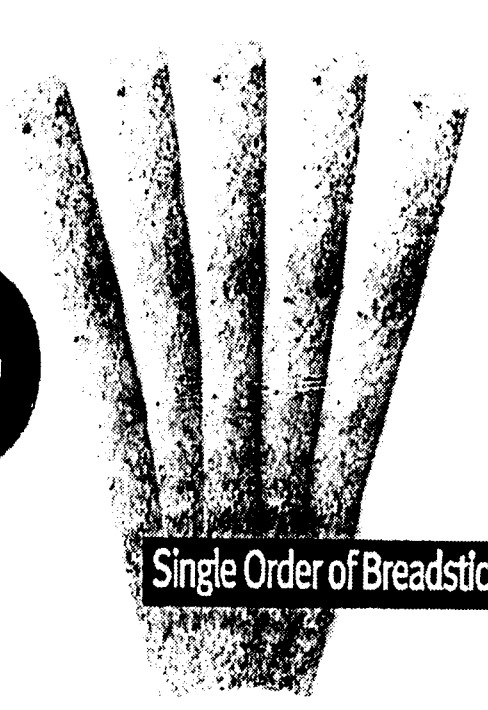
"But we have to work with the system, because I can't play favorites, but certainly, if they have factual information," such as a printed out confirmation page, "that there was a mistake made, we would make adjustments for those reasons." And students don't know how lucky they are that adjustments can be made.

Housing contracts used to be issued manually, and then a lottery was held. Contracts were placed in students' mailboxes and returned to the Housing office, and each contract was assigned a number. Then, if 1,200 contracts were returned, and there were only 1,100 spaces available, a number was drawn to start. The student with that number on their contract would get first pick of where they wanted to live, and so on down the line. Seniority didn't matter, and your housing placement was basically determined totally on luck.

At one time, housing at Behrend was issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. That's right, obtaining housing on-campus at Behrend used to be like waiting in line for tickets to a Dave Matthews concert. "With the first-come, first-serve basis, people would sit on the stairs," said Geering. "Monday morning (issuing housing contracts) would start, and they would camp out on Friday night."



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